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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3728

Attorney Docket: 20253-60398

Applicant: Michael Shane Cavanagh

Invention: **Container For Sharp Instruments**

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Dated: July 8, 1999

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 1999, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants' response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time and the required fee, making this timely response.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 12-14 and 16-18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) A container for holding a scalpel during surgical procedures, said container including:

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